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GENEVA FOR PHELAN

1. OSOT AND JURICH INITIALED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
MAY 22. PROVISIONS OF MEMORANDUM AS FOLLOWS: 1) FOR
CURRENT AGREEMENT YEAR, THAILAND HAS UNLIMITED SWING FROM
RPT FROM GROUP II TO GROUP I IN EXISTING COTTON BILATERAL,
2) IF, WITHIN AGREEMENT YEAR, THAILAND'S ACTUAL TRADE
DEVELOPS IN A MANNER WHICH ESTABLISHES ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS
ARE REQUIRED IN THE AGGREGATE, US AGREES TO INCREASE
AGGREGATE BY 2 MILLION SYE, SUCH INCREASE TO BE USED ONLY
IN GROUP I, 3) HANDICRAFT ITEMS WILL BE EXEMPTED FROM
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EXISTING AGREEMENT, 4) PENDING RESUMPTION OF BILATERAL

DISCUSSIONS IN CURRENT AGREEMENT YEAR, AT WHICH TIME TWO GOVERNMENTS AGREE NEGOTIATE NEW ALL-FIBER BILATERAL, US WILL NOT RESTRAIN THAI EXPORTS TO US OF MAN-MADE FIBER TEXTILE PRODUCTS QUOTE IN THE ABSENCE OF THE CONDITIONS PRESCRIBED IN THE ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES END QUOTE.

2. BECAUSE OF RESIGNATION THAI GOVERNMENT IN MIDST THESE CONSULTATIONS, BOTH SIDES AGREED DEFER NEGOTIATION

MAN-MADE FIBER/WOOL BILATERAL UNTIL LATER IN AGREEMENT YEAR. FYI IN WAKE OF RTG RESIGNATION, OSOT PREFERRED NOT DISCUSS MAN-MADE/WOOL BILATERAL AT THIS TIME; AND US FELT IT PRUDENT NOT TO BEGIN DISCUSSIONS ON THIS UNTIL RTG GOVERNMENTAL SITUATION CLEARS. END FYI.

3. DESPITE OBVIOUSLY DIFFICULT AND UNCERTAIN SITUATION RESULTING FROM RTG RESIGNATION, DISCUSSIONS WITH OSOT MOST CORDIAL AND FRIENDLY. OSOT VERY PLEASED WITH RECEPTION HERE. AND USDEL BELIEVES EXCELLENT FOUNDATION ESTABLISHED FOR FUTURE TALKS, PARTICULARLY IF OSOT REMAINS INVOLVED WITH TEXTILES, WHETHER OFFICIALLY OR AS CONSULTANT TO NEXT THAI GOVERNMENT.

4. TRAINING PROGRAM MRS. ORANUT AND DR. VIRAPOONG QUITE SUCCESSFUL AND AT OSOT'S REQUEST, THEY WERE GIVEN DETAILED BRIEFING OF PROVISIONS AND IMPLICATIONS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING. COPY OF MEMO BEING AIRPOUCHED.

5. USDEL AGREED NOT TO RELEASE TERMS OF MEMORANDUM UNTIL OSOT RETURNS BANGKOK AND ANNOUNCES SUCH TERMS LOCALLY. RUSH

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